

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 21-114 are pending. No claims have been canceled. Claims 69-114 have been added.

Newly added dependent claims 69, 72, 75, 78, 81, 84, 87, 89, 91, and 93 recite that the computer module further comprises a second enclosure. Support for these claims may be found in the application as originally filed, at least at page 7, line 1.

Newly added dependent claims 70, 73, 76, 79, 82, and 85 recite that the console further comprises a serial communication controller. Support for these claims may be found in the application as originally filed, at least at page 7, lines 29-30.

Newly added dependent claims 71, 74, 77, 80, 83, and 86 recite that direct communication between computer modules within the console is primarily through serial communication. Support for these claims may be found in the application as originally filed, at least at page 6, lines 21-23.

Newly added dependent claims 88, 90, and 92 recite that the serial communication controller supports Giga-bit Ethernet communication. Support for these claims may be found in the application as originally filed, at least at page 9, line 24.

Newly added claims 94-105 recite a system wherein the computer module includes a hard disk drive. Support for these claims may be found in the application as originally filed, at least at page 6, line 9. Claim 96 recites that one of the computer modules is configured to provide protection against failure of another computer module. Support for this claim may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 13, lines 14-16.

Claim 101 recites that the computer modules comprise a Gig-bit Ethernet controller. Support for this claim may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 9, line 24. Claims 101, 105, and 113 recite that the console further comprises video, keyboard, and mouse switch software, or video, keyboard and mouse switch circuits coupled to the serial communication hub controller. Support for these claims may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 10, lines 18-26, and at page 11, lines 1-7.

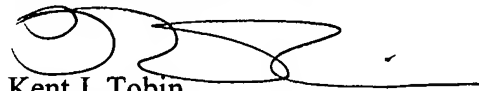
Newly added claims 106-110 recite a system including a serial communication hub controller housed within the console, and a graphics controller within the computer module. Support for these claims may be found in the application as originally filed, at page 7, line 29 and at page 8, lines 30-31.

Newly added dependent claims 111-112 and 114 recite that the computer system includes a special key on the keyboard or a special screen icon, each configured to allow the user to switch the screen display from one computer module to another. Support for these claims may be found in the application as originally filed, at page 13, lines 8-11.

No new matter has been introduced into the application by virtue of these claim amendments. In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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